

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Jun 78	Decree Law No. 14/78	12nm	Acknowledged freedom of navigation and overflight of straits or sea lanes used for international navigation.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 78	Decree Law No. 14/78		Established archipelagic baselines; see LIS No. 98.
	Nov 82	Decree Law No. 48/82		Amended 1978 decree; modified baseline coordinates.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jun 78	Decree Law No. 15/78	200nm	EEZ
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Jul 83			Signed, with a declaration reserving the right to adopt laws and regulations relating to the innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea, as well as to other security measures.
				The U.S. does not recognize any claim which impedes the innocent passage of any vessel, including warships, through territorial waters.
	Nov 87			Ratified.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. The following is extracted from Decree Law No. 48/82 of 19 November 1982 modifying the Sao Tome and Principe archipelagic baseline system:

Considering the necessity of correcting the geographic coordinates which in Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 14/78, of June 16, determine the straight base lines joining the most salient points of the islands of Sao Tome and Principe;

Considering further the advisability of determining more coordinates in order to provide perfect continuity of plotting the straight base lines;

Given Decree-Law No. 14/78, of June 16;

Article 2. The baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe is measured shall be the straight line joining the outermost points of the two main islands, the islets and the surrounding low-tide reefs; it shall be determined by the following geographical coordinates:

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1 - Ilheu das Rolas (E)	0° 03' 18"	6° 31' 47"
2 - Ilheu das Rolas (S)	0° 03' 13"	6° 31' 24"
3 - Ilheu das Rolas (SW)	0° 03' 32"	4° 31' 01"
4 - Ilheu Gabado	0° 07' 54"	6° 29' 08"
5 - Ilheu Coco	0° 12' 02"	6° 27' 58"

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
6 - Ponta Furada	0° 14'39"	6° 27'57"
7 - Ponta Diogo Vaz	0° 19'10"	6° 29'56"
8 - Pedra da Gale	1° 43'41"	7° 22'56"
9 - Ilheus Monteiro	1° 41'12"	7° 28'18"
10 - Ponta da Garca	1° 37'54"	7° 27'47"
11 - Ilheu Caroco	1° 30'54"	7° 25'56"
12 - Ilheu Santana	0° 14'31"	6° 45'56"

The pertinent articles of the Convention of the Law of the Sea, approved by the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea on April 30, 1982, having been examined;

Now and therefore;

Exercising the power conferred by Article 32 of the Constitution, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe decrees and I promulgate the following:

Article 1. Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 14/78, of June 16, shall be amended to read as follows:

Article 2.-1. The baseline from which the extension of the territorial waters of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe is measured consists of the straight line successively joining the most salient points of the two principal islands, islets and emerged reefs surrounding them and is determined by the following geographic coordinates:

	Latitude	Longitude
1 - Ilheu das Rolas(SE)	0°00'45"S	6°31'44"E
2 - Ilheu das Rolas(S)	0°00'47"S	6°31'21"E
3 - Ilheu das Rolas(SW)	0°00'28"S	6°31'00"E
4 - Ilheu Gabado(SW)	0°07'52"N	6°29'05"E
5 - Ilheu Coco(W)	0°12'02"N	6°27'58"E
6 - Ponta Furada	0°14'39"N	6°27'56"E
7 - Ponta Alema(W)	0°15'48"N	6°28'20"E
8 - Ponta Diogo Vaz(W)	0°19'06"N	6°29'51"E
9 - Pedra da Gale(NW)	1°43'40"N	7°22'55"E
10 - Ilheus Monteiro(NE)	1°41'14"N	7°28'20"E
11 - Ponto a Sul da Ponta da Garca(E)	1°37'40"N	7°27'52"E
12 - Ilheu Caroco(SE)	1°30'47"N	7°26'05"E
13 - Ilheu Santana(E)	0°14'29"N	6°45'59"E
14 - Sete Pedras(SE)	0°02'17"N	6°37'48"E

2. The ellipsoid and the datum used in the definition of the geographic coordinates are the following:

Ellipsoid used: International

Datum: Island of Sao Tome

Fortaleza

$$y = 0^{\circ} 20' 49''.02 \text{ N}$$

$$1 = 6 \quad 44 \quad 41 \quad .85 \text{ E}$$

Island of Principe

Morro do Papagaio

$$y = 1^{\circ} 36' 46''.87 \text{ N}$$

$$y = 7 \quad 23 \quad 39 \quad .56 \text{ E}$$